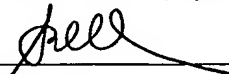


FORM PTO-1390		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 49677-165
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371			U.S. APPLIC. NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) Not yet assigned 10/523994
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO PCT/JP2004/001888	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE February 19, 2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED February 20, 2003	
TITLE OF INVENTION BUFFERED OPTICAL FIBER, AND BUFFERED OPTICAL FIBER TERMINATED WITH CONNECTOR			
APPLICANTS FOR DO/EO/US Kazunori TANAKA, Kaoru OKUNO, Tomoyuki HATTORI, Kiyooki MORIUCHI and Hiroshi HAYAMI			
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:			
1.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.	
2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.	
3.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.	
4.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The US has been elected (Article 31).	
5.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)	
6.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).	
7.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendment has NOT expired. d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.	
8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	An English translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).	
9.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).	
10.	<input type="checkbox"/>	An English translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).	
Items 11. to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included:			
11.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.	
12.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.	
13.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A preliminary amendment.	
14.	<input type="checkbox"/>	An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.	
15.	<input type="checkbox"/>	A substitute specification.	
16.	<input type="checkbox"/>	A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.	
17.	<input type="checkbox"/>	A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825.	
18.	<input type="checkbox"/>	A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).	
19.	<input type="checkbox"/>	A second copy of the English translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).	
20.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other items or information. 1) PCT Request 2) International Search Report 3) PCT/IB/304 4) PCT/RO/105	

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				CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY
21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic National Stage Fee \$300				\$300.00	
22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination Fee If International preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) \$100 All other situations \$200				\$200.00	
23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search Fee Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(1)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority \$100 International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office \$400 All other situations \$500				\$400.00	
TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23 =				\$900.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.				\$0	
Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction Thereof (round up to a whole number)	RATE		
-100	/50=		X\$250	\$0	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).				\$	
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total Claims	13-20 =	0	x \$50.00	\$0	
Independent Claims	2-3 =	0	x \$200.00	\$0	
Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable)			+ \$360.00	\$0	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$900.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by 1/2.				\$0	
SUBTOTAL =				\$900.00	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than the 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).				+	\$0
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =					
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				+	\$40.00
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$940.00	
				Amount to be refunded	\$
				Amount to be charged	\$940.00
<p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed.</p> <p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>500417</u> in the amount of <u>\$940.00</u> to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>500417</u>. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</p> <p>SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:</p> <p>Customer Number 20277 Telephone: 202.756.8000 Facsimile: 202.756.8087</p>					
			SIGNATURE  Stephen A. Becker	February 9, 2005 DATE	
			NAME 26,527		
REGISTRATION NUMBER					

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